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"THE FINAL FATE OF THE FLASHBACK!"
AS MIGHTY MOUSE
RACES HOME AT INCALCULABLE SPEED, HIS MIND BURNS WITH IMAGES OF CHARACTERS HE'S ONLY RECENTLY MET, YET WHO HAVE CHANGED HIS LIFE FOREVER!
THE PIRANHA... WHEN THIS FISH APPEARED AND STARTED WHINING, IT SIGNALED THE END OF THE WORLD!
THE MINOTAUR...
...ONE OF THE FIRST "TALKING ANIMALS". HE KNOWS THAT THE VILE CREATURE TRYING TO ELIMINATE ALL LIFE IS HIS EVIL TWIN, THE ANTI-MINOTAUR WHO LIVES IN A PARALLEL BUT NEGATIVE UNIVERSE AND WHO EMPLOYS...
MANGY MOUSE...
...THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE, YET EQUAL OF MIGHTY MOUSE! HE TYRANNICALLY RULED EARTH-NOT--UNTIL THE ANTI-MINOTAUR DESTROYED IT! MANGY MOUSE NOW SERVES AS HIS ENFORCER!
HARBINGER
SHE EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE MANY WORLDS THAT CO-EXIST SIMULTANEOUSLY. HOWEVER, ALL OF THEM WERE NOW THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION UNLESS MIGHTY MOUSE CAME TO THEIR AID. SHE TRANSPORTED HIM TO THE EDGE OF THE GALAXY TO MEET HER MASTER, THE MINOTAUR!

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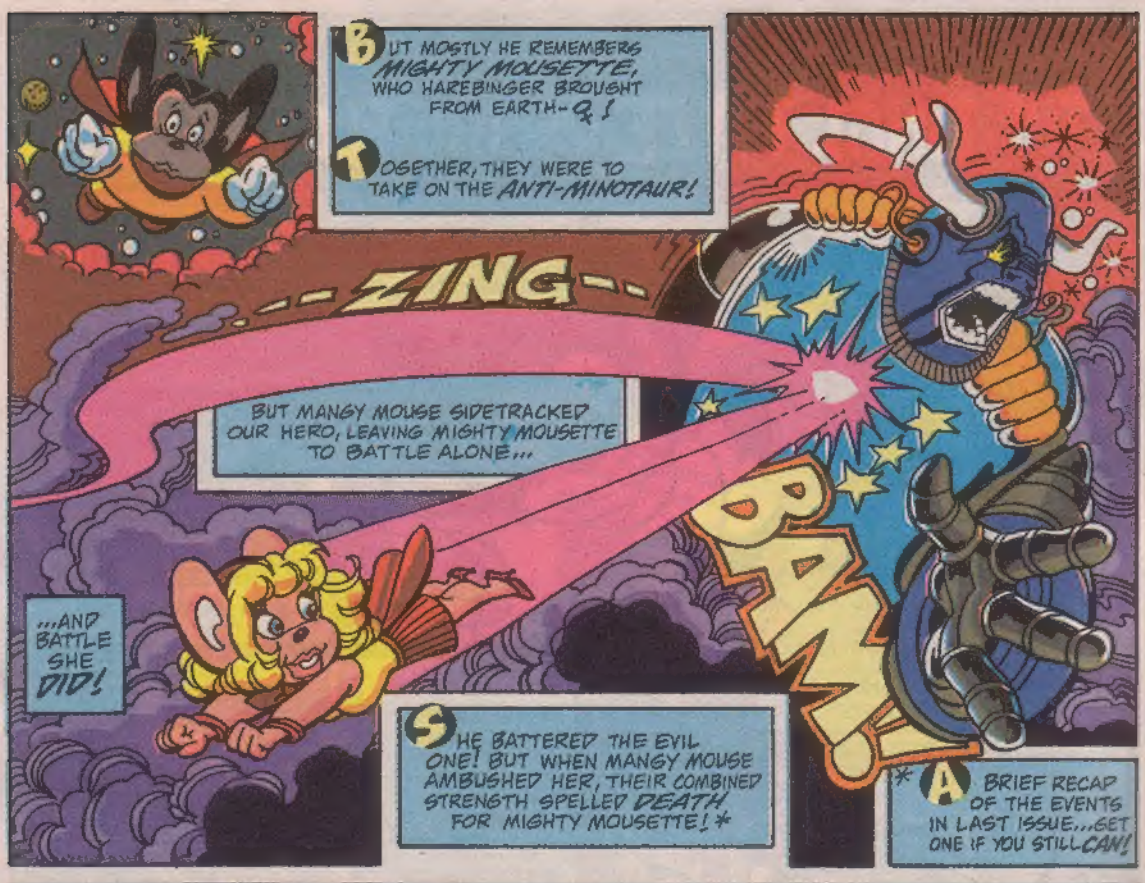
BUT MOSTLY HE REMEMBERS MIGHTY MOUSETTE, WHO HAREBINGER BROUGHT FROM EARTH-Q!
TOGETHER, THEY WERE TO TAKE ON THE ANTI-MINOTAUR!
--ZING--
BUT MANGY MOUSE SIDETRACKED OUR HERO, LEAVING MIGHTY MOUSETTE TO BATTLE ALONE...
...AND BATTLE SHE DID!
BAM!
SHE BATTERED THE EVIL ONE! BUT WHEN MANGY MOUSE AMBUSHED HER, THEIR COMBINED STRENGTH SPELLED DEATH FOR MIGHTY MOUSETTE! *
* A BRIEF RECAP OF THE EVENTS IN LAST ISSUE...GET ONE IF YOU STILL CAN!

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I PLEADED WITH THE MINOTAUR TO SEND ME BACK SO I COULD AVENGE MIGHTY MOUSETTE...
BUT HE KNEW THE TWO EVIL ONES COULD KILL ME AS WELL! WE NEEDED MORE POWER!
SO I'M HEADING HOME TO GATHER THE STRONGEST HEROES I KNOW...
AND A VILLAIN, TOO!
AND THEN NOTHING WILL SAVE THE ANTI-MINOTAUR AND MANGY MOUSE FROM ME!
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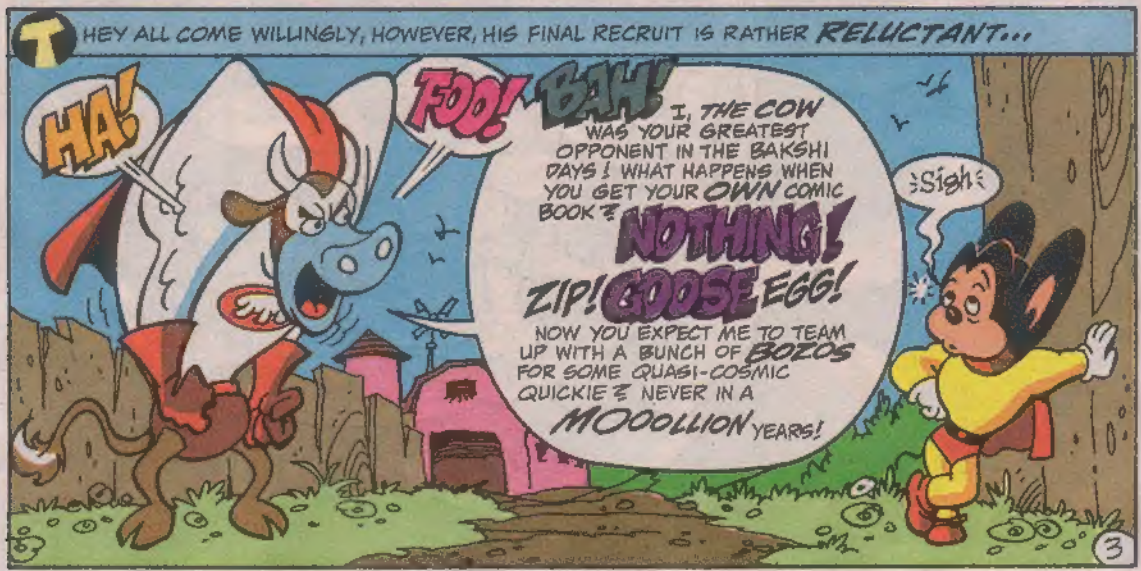
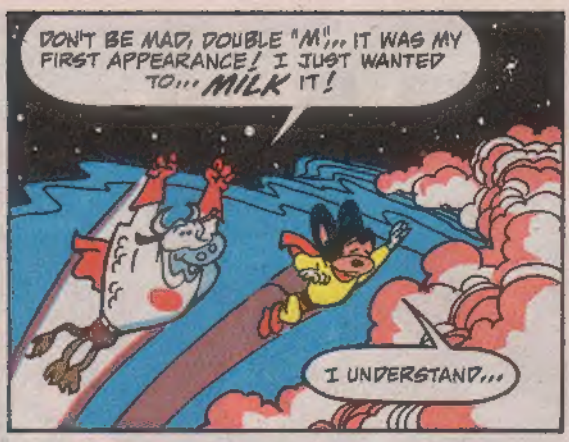
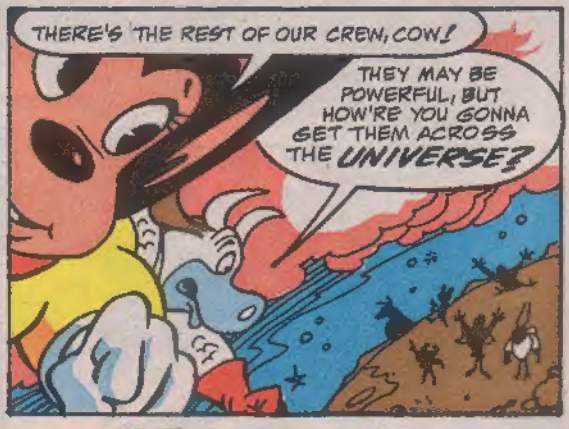
MIGHTY MOUSE'S FIRST STOP IS THE LEAGUE OF SUPER RODENTS, WHERE HE ENLISTS--
BERNIE BADGER!
GAS GOPHER!
and the RAMPAGING SLOTH!
THEN HIS PAL, BAT-BAT!*
PLUS PRINCE SÄMOR,* the SUB-PLOTTER!
AND, FROM THE LEGENDARY MIGHTY HEROES--
STRONGMAN!
*WITH THE BUG WONDER!
*INTRODUCED IN MIGHTY MOUSE #3. Editor


THEY ALL COME WILLINGLY, HOWEVER, HIS FINAL RECRUIT IS RATHER RELUCTANT...
HA!
FOO!
BAH!
I, THE COW WAS YOUR GREATEST OPPONENT IN THE BAKSHI DAYS! WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK? NOTHING! ZIP! GOOSE EGG!
NOW YOU EXPECT ME TO TEAM UP WITH A BUNCH OF BOZOS FOR SOME QUASI-COSMIC QUICKIE? NEVER IN A MOOOLLION YEARS!
:Sigh:
3

LISTEN, COW! WE DON'T HAVE A MOOOOLLION YEARS! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME AT ALL! NOW-- I'M NOT GOING TO ASK NICELY AGAIN!
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, HOW CAN I REFUSE...?


DON'T BE MAD, DOUBLE "M"... IT WAS MY FIRST APPEARANCE! I JUST WANTED TO... MILK IT!
I UNDERSTAND...


THERE'S THE REST OF OUR CREW, COW!
THEY MAY BE POWERFUL, BUT HOW'RE YOU GONNA GET THEM ACROSS THE UNIVERSE?

IN A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED GAS BUBBLE ENGINEERED BY GAS GOPHER! HOLD ON, EVERYONE... NEXT STOP, THE MINOTAUR'S SHIP!
O.....K!
GOT ANY FIVES?
GO FISH!
FISH?
SCCOZ
SH

HEY DUDES!
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SOON--
MIGHTY MOUSE, THIS IS AN AWESOME ASSEMBLY OF AVENGING ANTHROPOMORPHS! WE MAY YET SUCCEED!
BEST I COULD DO ON SHORT NOTICE!
ANTHRO--WHO?!*
ARE WE RELATED?
PERHAPS, COW! BUT TIME ENOUGH FOR TALK LATER! HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO ADD, HARE-BINGER?
NAY, MINOTAUR!
AH, BUT I DO! WOE TO HIM THAT DOES NOT RETURN FROM THIS DEADLY MISSION! HAVE PITY ON--
NOBODY ASKED YOU!!
*ANTHROPOMORPHISM IS THE CONCEPT OF "FUNNY ANIMALS"-- Funny Editor.
SO--WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, WE SHALL TRANSPORT THEE TO THE ANTI-MINOTAUR'S NEGATIVE UNIVERSE!
MAY YOU ACHIEVE VICTORY BEFORE YOUR BLUE CROSS RUNS OUT!
B
OW!
H
AND, ON THAT PARALLEL WORLD...
HURRY UP, MANGY MOUSE! REPAIR THE DAMAGE MIGHTY MOUSETTE INFLICTED ON ME SO I CAN RESUME RAVAGING ALL REMAINING LIFE!
OKAY, OKAY!
YOUR RAVAGING DAYS ARE OVER!
SO SAY WE ALL!
EGAD!
HUH?
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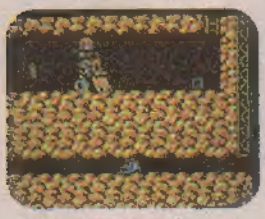
MegaMan® 3. Anything else you need to know?



You'll slide through secret tunnels to avoid bulldozing robots.

It's hard to top TopMan's dangerous spins.

SnakeMan, HardMan, GeminiMan, MagnetMan, NeedleMan, ShadowMan, SparkMan and TopMan. They're the eight new robotmasters in MegaMan 3. Defeat them all and you'll still have Dr. Wily to deal with. And possibly even a few of your old enemies from 1 and 2. Okay, now the only question that remains is how fast you can get to the store and get 3.

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PART 4
"WHAT SALE PRICE VICTORY?"
WHAT'S THIS? A PATHETIC PARTNERSHIP OF PUNY HEROES? WE'LL DESTROY YOU AS WE DID MIGHTY MOUSETTE!
GEEZ, YA HADDA MENTION DA DAME! NOW YA GOT MIGHTY MOUSE FIRED UP! LEMME OUTTA HERE!
P.R.D.
HEY, YOU--!
ZOOMM
MANGY MOUSE! DON'T DESERT ME YOU COWAAAAGH!
LET 'IM HAVE IT, BOYS! THIS SUCKER'S ALL MINE!
YOU GOTTA CATCH ME FOIST!
POW!
THOK
BAM!
WHAP!
K-TANG!
HA! NOW I SEE MY PARTNER'S PLAN! WITHOUT MIGHTY MOUSE, YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!
SWOT!
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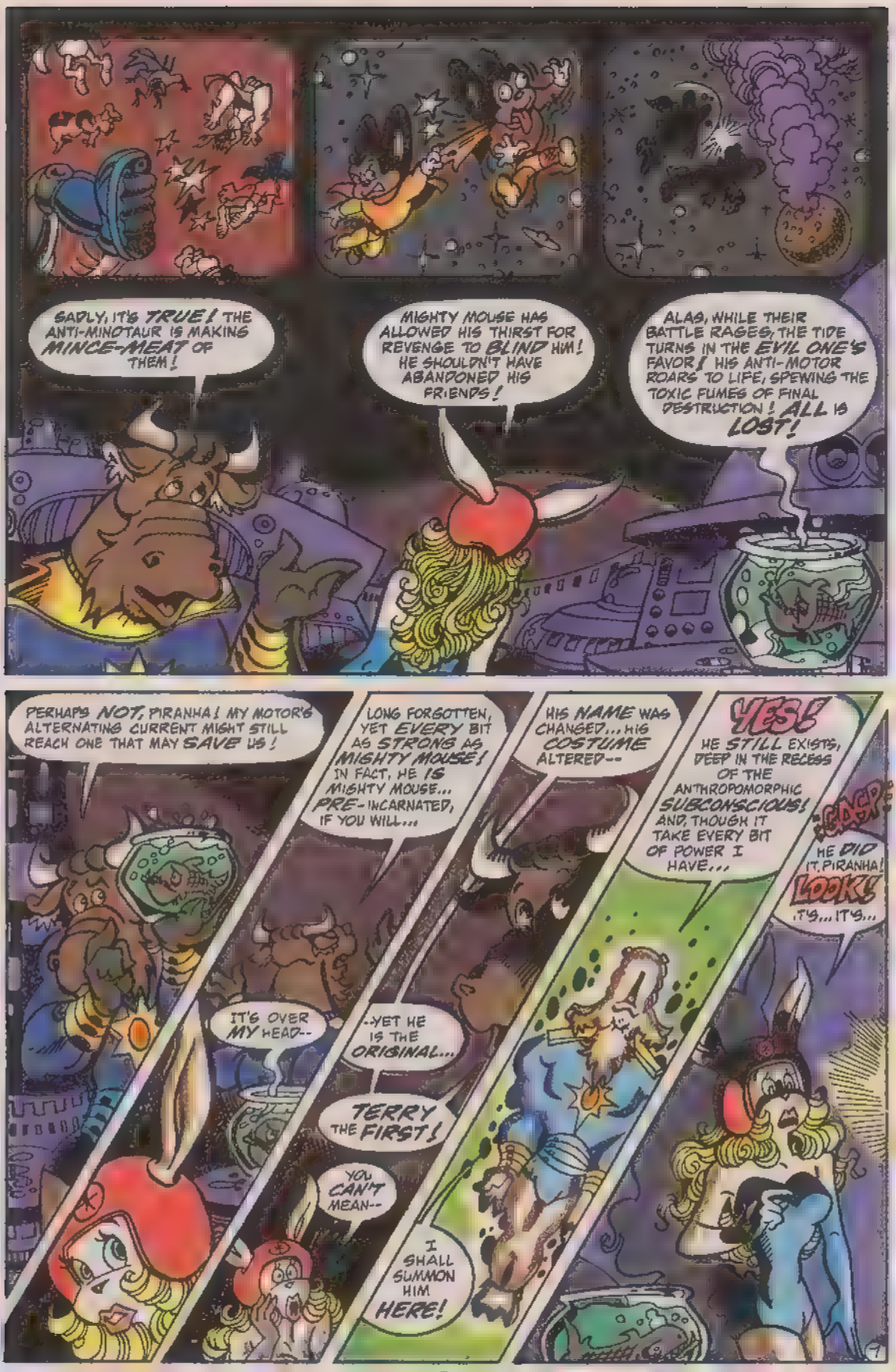
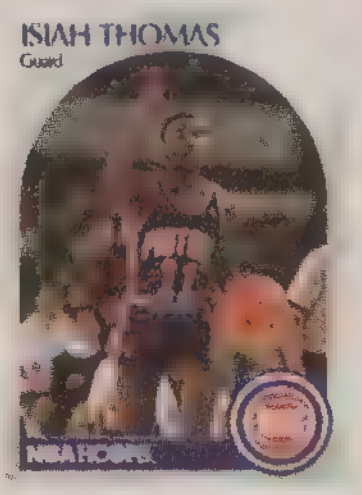

SADLY, IT'S TRUE! THE ANTI-MINOTAUR IS MAKING MINCE-MEAT OF THEM!
MIGHTY MOUSE HAS ALLOWED HIS THIRST FOR REVENGE TO BLIND HIM! HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ABANDONED HIS FRIENDS!
ALAS, WHILE THEIR BATTLE RAGES, THE TIDE TURNS IN THE EVIL ONE'S FAVOR! HIS ANTI-MOTOR ROARS TO LIFE, SPEWING THE TOXIC FUMES OF FINAL DESTRUCTION! ALL IS LOST!
PERHAPS NOT, PIRANHA! MY MOTOR'S ALTERNATING CURRENT MIGHT STILL REACH ONE THAT MAY SAVE US!
LONG FORGOTTEN, YET EVERY BIT AS STRONG AS MIGHTY MOUSE! IN FACT, HE IS MIGHTY MOUSE... PRE-INCARNATED, IF YOU WILL...
HIS NAME WAS CHANGED... HIS COSTUME ALTERED--
YES! HE STILL EXISTS, DEEP IN THE RECESS OF THE ANTHROPOMORPHIC SUBCONSCIOUS! AND, THOUGH IT TAKE EVERY BIT OF POWER I HAVE...
GASP
HE DID IT, PIRANHA! LOOK! IT'S... IT'S...
IT'S OVER MY HEAD--
--YET HE IS THE ORIGINAL...
TERRY THE FIRST!
YOU CAN'T MEAN--
I SHALL SUMMON HIM HERE!

You know they can play. What else do you know?

Set playoff record for points against which team?

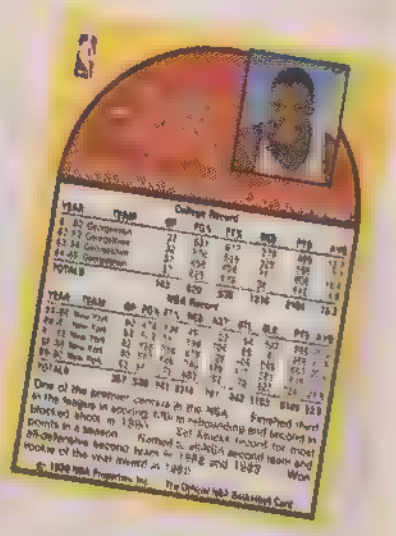


Led the league in assists which season?

What's his nickname?

Led what school to an NCAA title?

Scored his most points in what season?



What is Patrick Ewing's uniform number?

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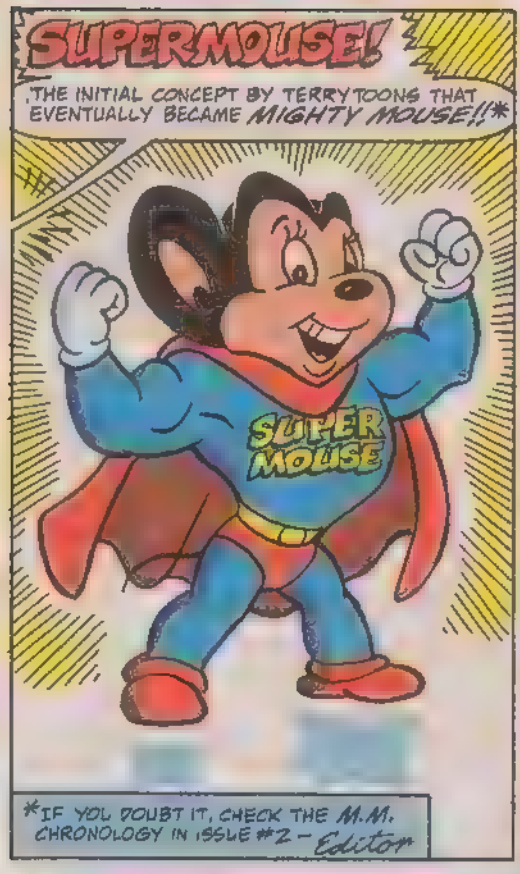
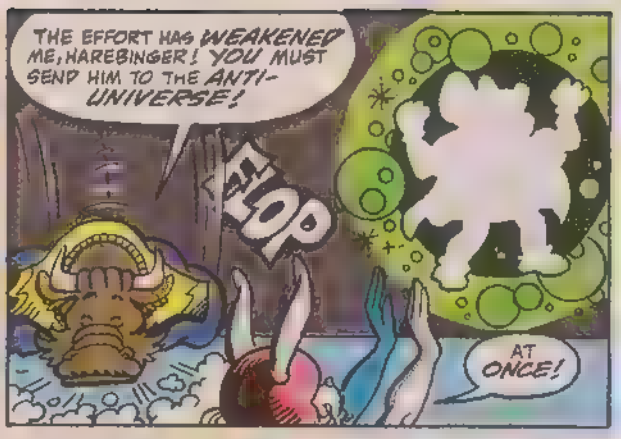
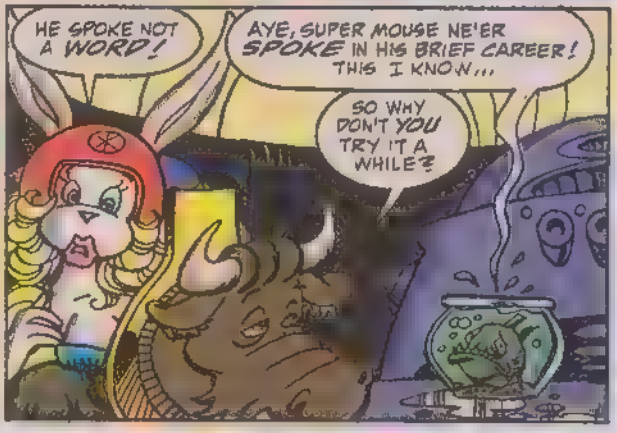
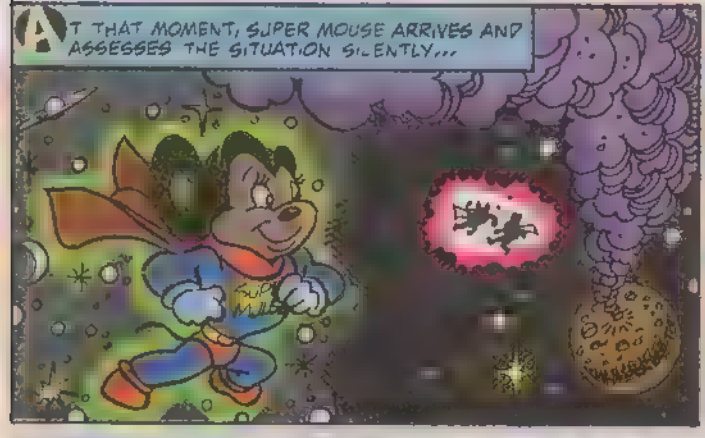
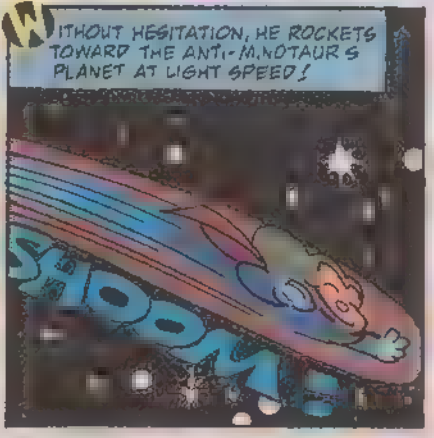
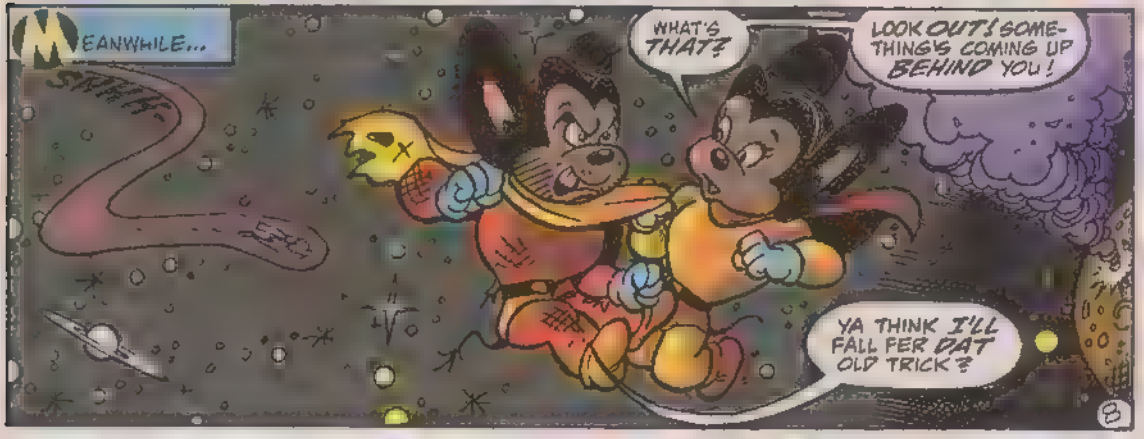

SUPERMOUSE!
THE INITIAL CONCEPT BY TERRYTOONS THAT EVENTUALLY BECAME MIGHTY MOUSE!!*
SUPER MOUSE
*IF YOU DOUBT IT, CHECK THE M.M. CHRONOLOGY IN ISSUE #2 – Editor


THE EFFORT HAS WEAKENED ME, HAREBINGER! YOU MUST SEND HIM TO THE ANTI-UNIVERSE!
FLOP
AT ONCE!


HE SPOKE NOT A WORD!
AYE, SUPER MOUSE NE'ER SPOKE IN HIS BRIEF CAREER! THIS I KNOW...
SO WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT A WHILE?


AT THAT MOMENT, SUPER MOUSE ARRIVES AND ASSESSES THE SITUATION SILENTLY...


WITHOUT HESITATION, HE ROCKETS TOWARD THE ANTI-MINOTAUR'S PLANET AT LIGHT SPEED!
SHOOM


MEANWHILE...
WHAT'S THAT?
LOOK OUT! SOMETHING'S COMING UP BEHIND YOU!
YA THINK I'LL FALL FER DAT OLD TRICK?
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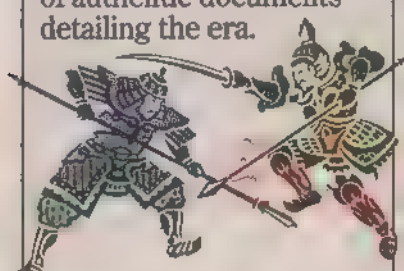
Over 18,000 years ago many of the men in China dedicated their life to the study of philosophy. And then applied it to a war to end all wars.

The country was plagued by a bandit hoarde known as the Yellow Scarves. Who amassed a power no one had yet to conquer. Fact is, no one could assemble a force strong enough to destroy them.

In Destiny of an Emperor, your challenge is to change the course of history forever. For the good of China. And the world.

This full scale, role playing adventure game for the Nintendo System will put you deep in the throes of that war.

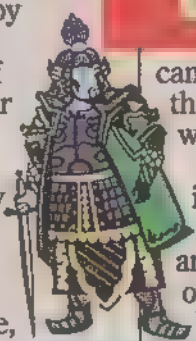
The action is as real as it gets thanks to the discovery of authentic documents detailing the era.



Characteristics of 180 warlords have been simulated based on the renowned text of Sanquozhi Yanyi.

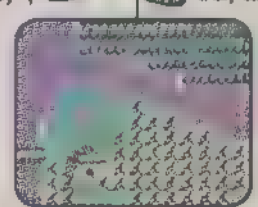
Even 20th century strategists are destined to spend hours, even days on each game. And when you take a break to philosophize on your next action (if you can pull yourself away) you

Conquering this game will take you centuries.



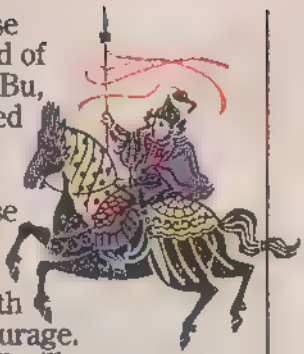
can actually save up to three histories exactly where you've left off.

You can put yourself in the place of Liu Bei, dedicated to raising an army for the restoration of the dynasty. Or Guan Yu, an exceptionally skilled warrior, match for a thousand soldiers and worshipped as a god.



In the mountains, rebels await behind every tree.

But no matter who you are, it will be hard to win the war against Zhang Jao, the deadly leader of the Yellow Scarve rebels and founder of the Tai Ping sect. Not to mention the most feared Chinese warlord of all, Lu Bu, destined to be a traitor because of his great strength and courage.



You'll use every strategic cell in your brain to fulfill your constant requirements for weapons, food and manpower. You'll give important commands that could mean your life, and the life of your armies. And in true Chinese tradition, you'll engage in battle again and again to defend your honor. An honor certified by an oath signed in blood.

When all is said and done, there will be room for only one Emperor. Whether or not that will be you is your destiny alone.

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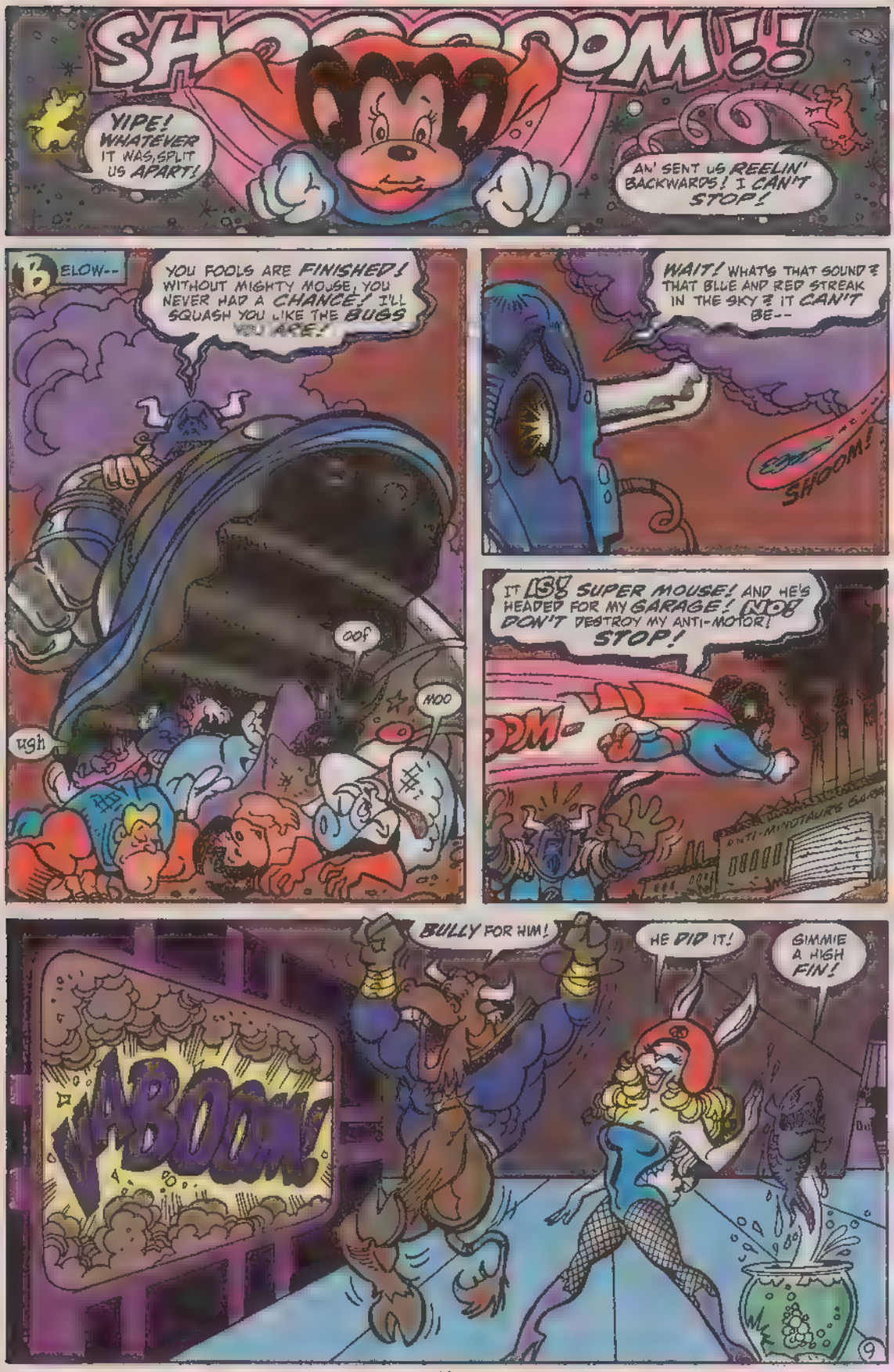
SHOOOOOOOOM!!
YIPE! WHATEVER IT WAS, SPLIT US APART!
AN' SENT US REELIN' BACKWARDS! I CAN'T STOP!
BELOW--
YOU FOOLS ARE FINISHED! WITHOUT MIGHTY MOUSE, YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE! I'LL SQUASH YOU LIKE THE BUGS YOU ARE!
oof
NOO
ugh
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT SOUND? THAT BLUE AND RED STREAK IN THE SKY? IT CAN'T BE--
SHOOM!
IT IS! SUPER MOUSE! AND HE'S HEADED FOR MY GARAGE! NOO! DON'T DESTROY MY ANTI-MOTOR! STOP!
OOM-
ANTI-MINOTAUR'S GARAGE
BULLY FOR HIM!
HE DID IT!
GIMMIE A HIGH FIN!
KABOOM!
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HUH? THE ANTI-MINOTAUR'S PLANET'S EXPLODING! MY FRIENDS MUST'VE DESTROYED HIS ENGINE!
VABOOM
OMIGOSH! I WAS SO BUSY WITH... I FORGOT THEY... WHAT IF... NO! NOT AGAIN! THEY'VE GOT TO BE--
ALL RIGHT! YOU MADE IT!
BAT-BATTERED, BUT NOT BROKEN, OLD CHUM!
WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET-- LOOK!
STRONGMAN'S RIGHT! A GIANT, BLACK BULLET HOLE IS FORMING, SUCKING IN THE ENTIRE ANTI-UNIVERSE!
YOW! AND WE'RE NEXT!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
OBSERVE! MIGHTY MOUSE HAS GRABBED THE ROCK HOLDING HIS FRIENDS...
HE'S USING EVERY LAST BIT OF STRENGTH HE HAS LEFT...
TO HURL THEM TOWARD US, SO WE CAN TRANSPORT THEM HERE!
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WE'RE BACK!
MIGHTY MOUSE SAVED US!
BUT...WHERE... IS... HE?
STILL OUT THERE?
HE MUST BE EXHAUSTED!
BRING H M IN, MINOTAUR!
NOW!
I...gasps CAN'T...
HE'S USED ALL HIS POWER TO BR NG YOU IN!
AND MIGHTY MOUSE IS OUT OF MY RANGE! HE'S DOOMED!
puff --Pant-- WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE wheeze THE END!
AT LEAST WE gurgle WON! MIGHTY MOUSETTE DIDN'T choke DIE IN VAIN...
IT'S BEEN A SHORT RUN, BUT A GOOD ONE...gulp SO LONG, EVERYONE...
...GOODBYE... sniffle PEARL...
GRAB!
URK-
WHAT THE--?!
YEOW!
SOMETHING'S SPINNING ME AROUND WITH UNBELIEVABLE POWER!
WHIRL-WHIRL
WHIRL-WHIRL
...AND THROWING ME AWAY FROM THE BLACK BULLET HOLE!
WOOSH!
WHOEVER YOU ARE... THANK YOOOo.....
SUPER MOUSE

HOLY HANGING CLIFFS! MIGHTY MOUSE IS COMING BACK TOWARDS US!
THE BUG-WONDER SPEAKS TRUE! MAYHAP I CAN TELEPORT HIM HERE! WOW! IS HE MOTORING!
ANTI-MINOTAUR MONITOR
AT THAT MOMENT--
SUPER MOUSE! I SAW WHAT YOU DID FOR MIGHTY MOUSE! YOU MUST DO THE SAME FOR ME!
YOU'RE A HERO! YOU HAVE TO SAVE ME! I KNOW YOU WILL!
YES! THAT'S IT! GET A GOOD GRIP..
...WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? STOP!!
DON'T FADE BACK INTO OBSCURITY!
NOOOO!!
PUF
HIS LAST HOPE GONE, THE ANTI-MINOTAUR IS DRAWN DOWN... HIS ANTI-MOTOR'S DIRECT CURRENT HAS BEEN STOPPED...
...HIS VAST UNIVERSE IMPLODES...
...THE REST IS SILENCE!

IT IS OVER! YOUR WORLD AND COUNTLESS OTHERS HAVE BEEN SAVED THANKS TO YOUR BRAVERY!
NICE JOB OF CAVING IN THAT ANTI-MOTOR, M.M.!
ME? YOU GUYS DID T... DIDN'T YOU?
STOP KIDDING AROUND! IT WAS YOU! BUT WHY THE COSTUME CHANGE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
:aheme: UHH... TIME TO GO NOW! WE'LL RETURN YOU WHENCE YOU CAME!
AND TO AVOID FURTHER CONFUSION, I'LL WIPE YOUR MEMORIES CLEAN OF THIS EVENT!
FAREWELL!
REMEMBER, "IGNORANCE IS BLISS..."
..."TIS FOLLY TO BE MICE!"
LEAGUE of SUPER RODENTS
WPRL
COW BARN
MAN, MAN, MAN MAN & MAN Accountants
BAT-PIT
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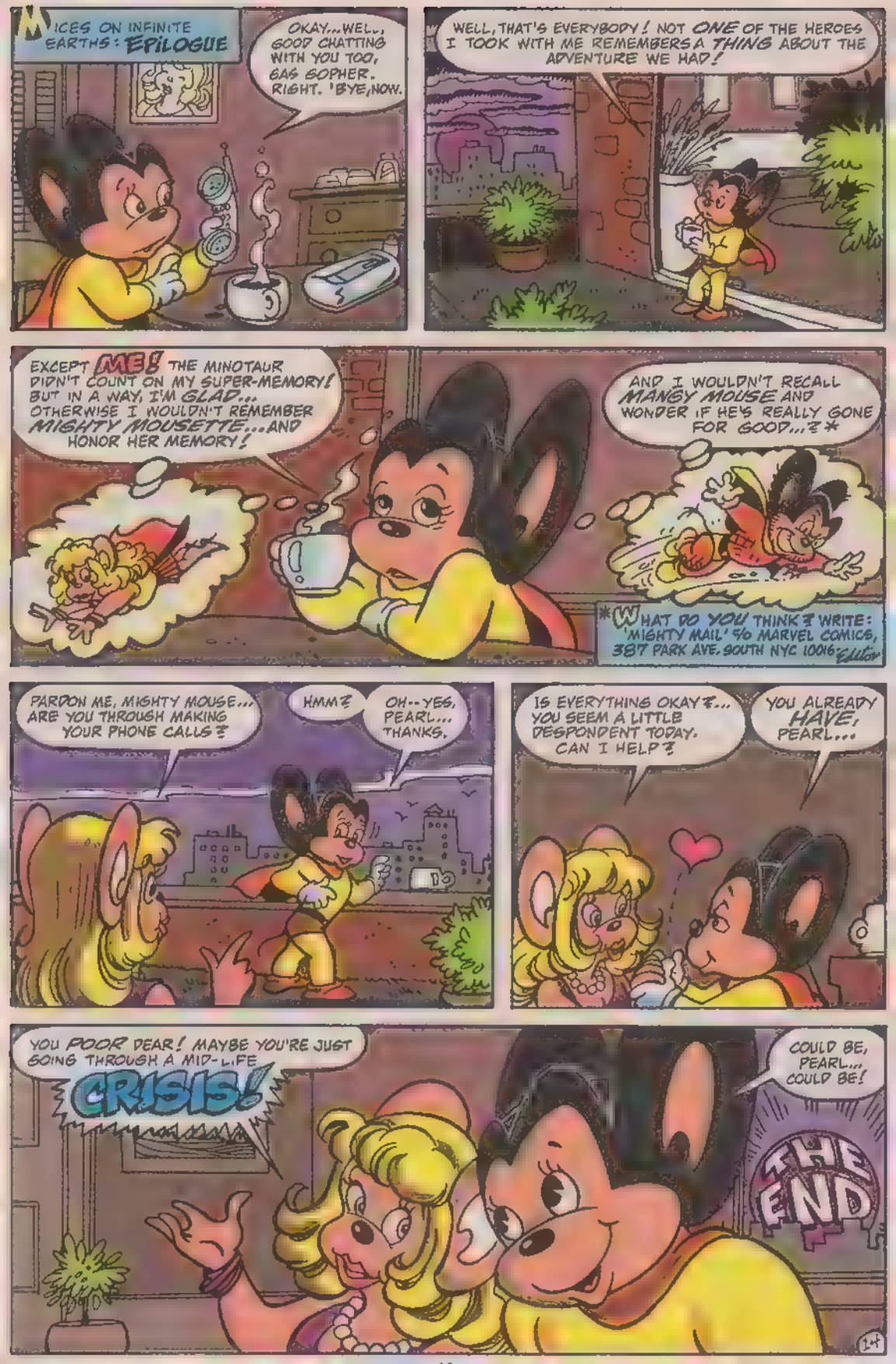
MICE ON INFINITE EARTHS: EPILOGUE
OKAY...WELL, GOOD CHATTING WITH YOU TOO, GAS GOPHER. RIGHT. 'BYE, NOW.
WELL, THAT'S EVERYBODY! NOT ONE OF THE HEROES I TOOK WITH ME REMEMBERS A THING ABOUT THE ADVENTURE WE HAD!
EXCEPT ME! THE MINOTAUR DIDN'T COUNT ON MY SUPER-MEMORY! BUT IN A WAY, I'M GLAD... OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T REMEMBER MIGHTY MOUSETTE...AND HONOR HER MEMORY!
AND I WOULDN'T RECALL MANGY MOUSE AND WONDER IF HE'S REALLY GONE FOR GOOD...?*
*WHAT DO YOU THINK? WRITE: 'MIGHTY MAIL' C/O MARVEL COMICS, 387 PARK AVE. SOUTH NYC 10016 -Editor
PARDON ME, MIGHTY MOUSE... ARE YOU THROUGH MAKING YOUR PHONE CALLS?
HMM?
OH--YES, PEARL... THANKS.
IS EVERYTHING OKAY?... YOU SEEM A LITTLE DESPONDENT TODAY. CAN I HELP?
YOU ALREADY HAVE, PEARL...
YOU POOR DEAR! MAYBE YOU'RE JUST GOING THROUGH A MID-LIFE CRISIS!
COULD BE, PEARL... COULD BE!
THE END

A SEQUEL?
"I'LL GET"
NOW PLAYING:
BAT-BAT 2
TWICE THE ENTERTAINMENT!
TWICE THE MERCHANDISE!
GOOD MORNING, MOUSEVILLE. THIS IS RONA RABBIT FOR ENTERTAINMENT TOO-LITE, REPORTING LIVE FROM VERMIN CITY CINEMA ONE. HERE WITH US TODAY IS THE STAR OF THE LONG AWAITED SEQUEL TO LAST YEAR'S MEGA-HIT MOVIE "BAT-BAT"-- BAT-BAT!
HOW DO YOU FEEL, BAT-BAT?
DARKER! GRITTIER! MORE REALISTIC! I'LL BE A BIGGER HIT THAN EVER!
HOLY HOLLYWOOD HYPE, BAT-BAT!
BAT-BAT 2
SOUVENIRS--
HOT!"
BAT-BAT2
Who is Bark Man?
EAT YOUR HEART OUT, KEATON!
BAT-BAT IN "EVERYONE'S A CRITIC!"

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SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR BAT-BAT!
HMMM, PROBABLY JUST AN OSCAR!
AS I'VE ALREADY MADE MY ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, I'LL JUST CUT TO THE CHASE!
BUT BAT-BAT, THE MOVIE HASN'T OPENED YET!
DOESN'T MATTER. THE ACADEMY MUST HAVE SENSED MY GREATNESS!
BAT-BAT
WHAT IS IT, BAT-BAT? WAS THAT GUY JUST HANDING YOU A LINE?
FAR WORSE, OLD CHUM!
GOINK!
READ IT AND WEEP FOR YOURSELF!
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
BID YOUR BOX-OFFICE BONANZA BYE-BYE, BAT-BAT! BAT-BAT 2 TOO WEAK TO LAST TWO WEEKS!
SINCERELY, A FRIEND
STRANGE -- I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS...
SO THAT MUST BE FROM ONE OF OUR ENEMIES!
CORRECT, BUG WONDER! BUT WHICH ONE?
HE ENTERTAINMENT!
HE MERCHANDISE!
QUICK, TICK! LET'S HASTEN TO OUR HIDE-OUT AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT, WHO'S UP TO WHAT, AND WHERE...
...BEFORE THE SUMMER MOVIE SEASON IS OVER!
TOTALLY RECALLED
SOMEBODY GOOFED!
COAST "TUBING"
WHO IS BARKMAN?
WHO IS BANK MAN?
VROOOOOOM!
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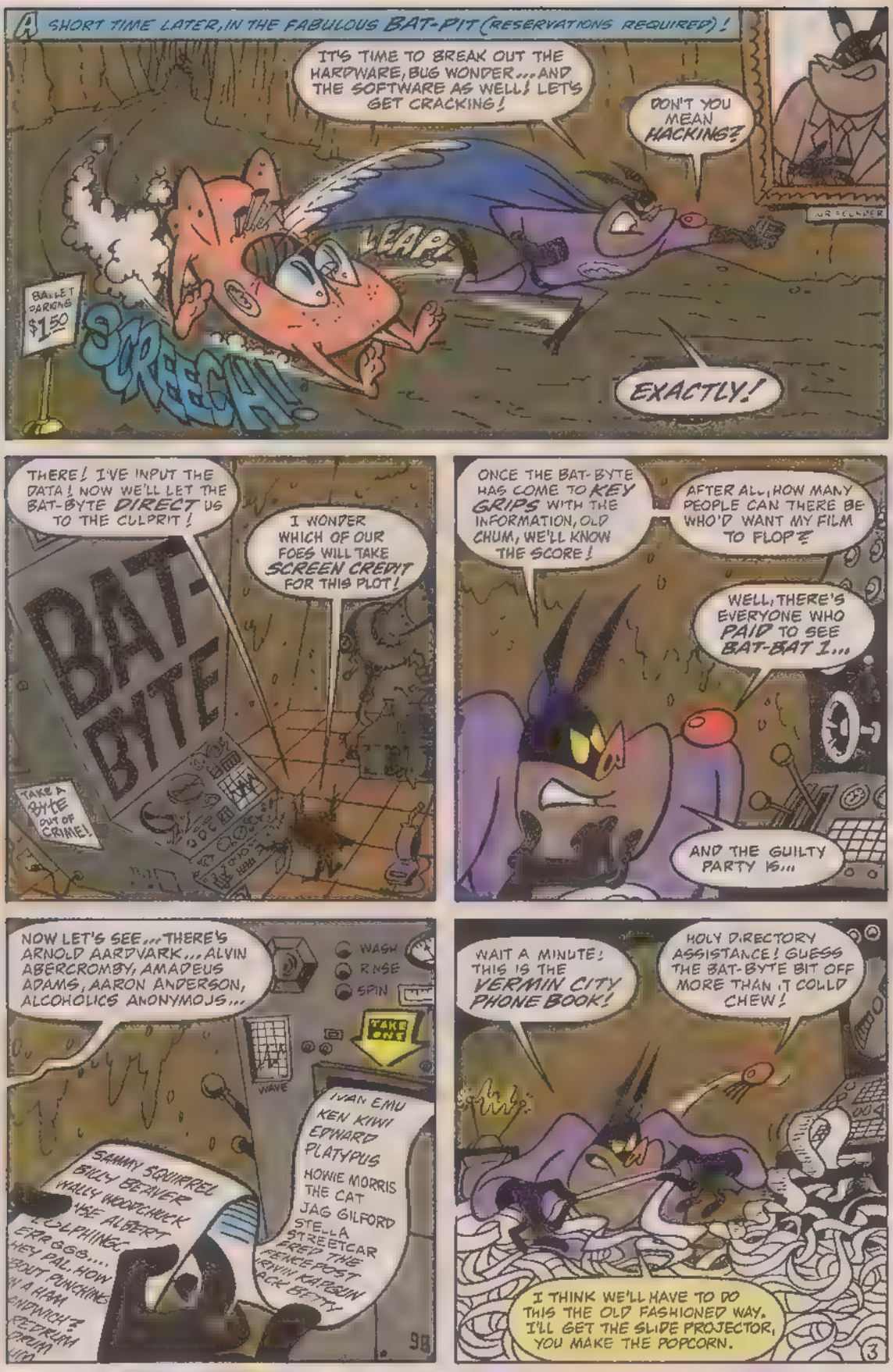
A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE FABULOUS BAT-PIT (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)!
IT'S TIME TO BREAK OUT THE HARDWARE, BUG WONDER... AND THE SOFTWARE AS WELL! LET'S GET CRACKING!
DON'T YOU MEAN HACKING?
LEAP
SCREECH!
BALLET PARKING $1.50
EXACTLY!
THERE! I'VE INPUT THE DATA! NOW WE'LL LET THE BAT-BYTE DIRECT US TO THE CULPRIT!
I WONDER WHICH OF OUR FOES WILL TAKE SCREEN CREDIT FOR THIS PLOT!
BAT-BYTE
TAKE A BYTE OUT OF CRIME!
ONCE THE BAT-BYTE HAS COME TO KEY GRIPS WITH THE INFORMATION, OLD CHUM, WE'LL KNOW THE SCORE!
AFTER ALL, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN THERE BE WHO'D WANT MY FILM TO FLOP?
WELL, THERE'S EVERYONE WHO PAID TO SEE BAT-BAT 1...
AND THE GUILTY PARTY IS...
NOW LET'S SEE... THERE'S ARNOLD AARDVARK... ALVIN ABERCROMBY, AMADEUS ADAMS, AARON ANDERSON, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS...
WASH
RINSE
SPIN
TAKE ONE
WAVE
IVAN EMU
KEN KIWI
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HOWIE MORRIS THE CAT
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FRED THE FENCEPOST
IRVIN KANGAROO
ACK BITTY
SAMMY SQUIRREL
BILLY BEAVER
WALLY WOODCHUCK
HSE ALBERT
DOLPHINS
ERR GGG...
HEY PAL, HOW 'BOUT PUNCHING IN A HAM SANDWICH?
98
WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS THE VERMIN CITY PHONE BOOK!
HOLY DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE! GUESS THE BAT-BYTE BIT OFF MORE THAN IT COULD CHEW!
I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO DO THIS THE OLD FASHIONED WAY. I'LL GET THE SLIDE PROJECTOR, YOU MAKE THE POPCORN.
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AND SO...
NO. HE'S NOT SHARP ENOUGH FOR THIS CAPER.
SHOULDER BLADES?
KLIK!
NOW THE GREATEST BAT-BAT VILLAINS EVER FAILED
KLIK!
NOSE CONE?
I DON'T SMELL HIS HAND IN IT.
FOOT NOTE?
I THINK WE CAN SAFELY WRITE HIM OFF. IT DOESN'T RING TRUE.
KLIK!
MADAME MARSUPIAL-E! BUT SHE'S NOT ONE OF OUR VILLAINS!
I KNOW, OLD CHUM, I JUST LIKE LOOKING AT PINUPS OF MADAME MARSUPIAL!
SOMEDAY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND, LITTLE BUDDY.
KLIK!
WE'RE STILL IN THE DARK, BAT-BAT!
NOT ANY MORE.
KLIK!
IT'S TIME TO PUT THE PHOTO-ID CARDS ON THE TABLE AND SEE WHO HOLLYWOOD SHUFFLES OFF TO JAIL!
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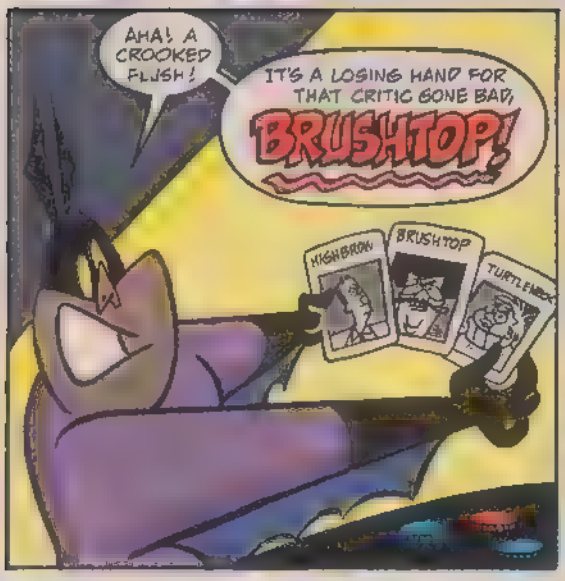
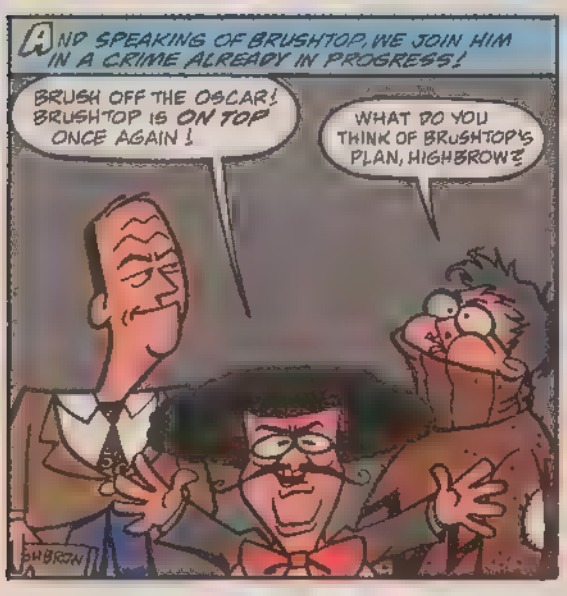
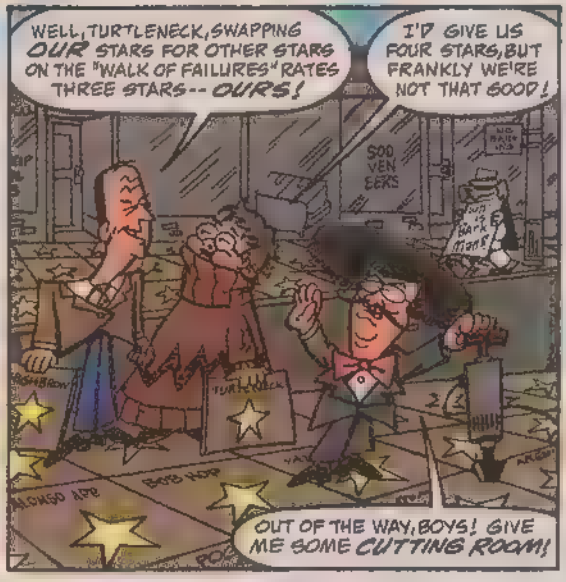
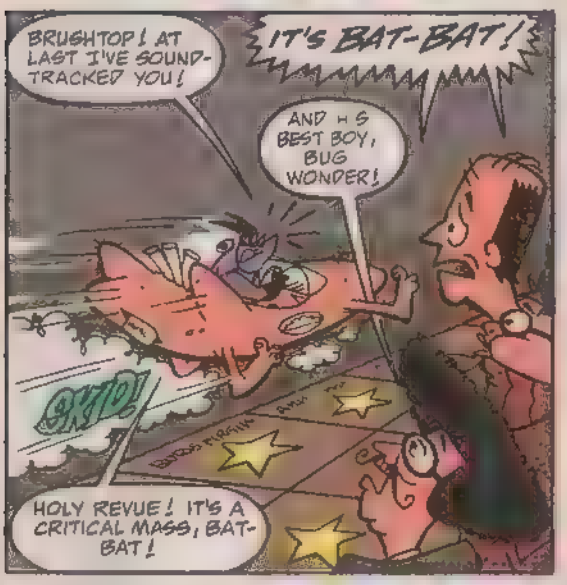
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS'LL WORK, BAT-BAT?
IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IT'S EITHER THIS OR THROWING ROCKS AT BOTTLES. HIT ME AGAIN!
WANTED


AHA! A CROOKED FLUSH!
IT'S A LOSING HAND FOR THAT CRITIC GONE BAD, BRUSHTOP!
HIGHBROW
BRUSHTOP
TURTLENECK

ARE YOU KIDDING? GET A LOAD OF THESE REVIEWS!
ARE YOU SURE BRUSHTOP'S BEHIND THIS?
TOTALLY RECALLED! Should be by BRUSHTOP
BACK TO THE MOVIES III by BRUSHTOP
CRASH!


AND SPEAKING OF BRUSHTOP, WE JOIN HIM IN A CRIME ALREADY IN PROGRESS!
BRUSH OFF THE OSCAR! BRUSHTOP IS ON TOP ONCE AGAIN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF BRUSHTOP'S PLAN, HIGHBROW?


WELL, TURTLENECK, SWAPPING OUR STARS FOR OTHER STARS ON THE "WALK OF FAILURES" RATES THREE STARS -- OURS!
I'D GIVE US FOUR STARS, BUT FRANKLY WE'RE NOT THAT GOOD!
OUT OF THE WAY, BOYS! GIVE ME SOME CUTTING ROOM!


BRUSHTOP! AT LAST I'VE SOUND-TRACKED YOU!
IT'S BAT-BAT!
AND HIS BEST BOY, BUG WONDER!
OKTO!
HOLY REVUE! IT'S A CRITICAL MASS, BAT-BAT!

BETTER TAKE YOUR FINAL BOWS, BOYS! YOU'RE ABOUT TO EXIT STAGE LEFT!
TRASH HIM, MEN! FIGHT, CAMERA, ACTION!
JERRY LEWTCH
BRUSHTOP

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes! Even though Christmas is behind us, big-hearted Marvel still has plenty of goodies in store for you! And here's where your old faithful Soapbox Santa clues you in to two new titles going on sale right now!

You've seen the ads! You've heard the name uttered in whispers! But now it's time to meet the newest, most exotically exciting superstar in the mighty Marvel firmament—the only super hero based on a real-life, flesh-and-blood human being— dazzling, dangerous, deadly—a smoldering, sizzling stick of human dynamite—the one and only NIGHT CAT!

Of course, the cat's manager, Dapper Don Kessler, and I have a somewhat selfish motive for pushing Night Cat's first issue since sneaky artist Denys Cowan actually drew us in as part of the story. Yours truly wrote the script, too, which could possibly change the complexion of the comic book industry for all time to come! But don't let that discourage you—you can always just look at the pictures!

But hey, that's only half the excitement! Our whole blushin' Bullpen is turned on to Troma Films' wild and wacky world-famous movie idol, TOXIC AVENGER, the super hero who makes Spider-Man seem like a well-adjusted average guy! In fact, we dig it so much that we made a deal with Lovable Lyoyd Kaufman and the Magnanimous Michael Herz, The big-time movie producers who so unselfishly unleashed ol' Toxie on a defenseless public, a deal to publish his sensationally screwy adventures in our maniacal style!

Be forewarned! Toxie is not your usual hero! In fact, he's not your usual anything. But this you can count on—NIGHT CAT and THE TOXIC AVENGER may turn out to be the most unexpected hits of '91, and thanks to my legendary generosity, you're the first to hear of them!

Now it's next ish, wherever you go, whatever you do, think Marvel! (Instead of cluttering your mind with non-essentials!)

Excelsior

Stan

It was a rainy day in New York. The kind of day when you could get wet just by walking outside. The man on the corner was selling umbrellas for five dollars each. I could usually talk him down to three. When I got home, I would throw it on the pile with the 300 other umbrellas I've managed to leave at home every time it rains. It seems to rain a lot in New York. Perhaps it's God's way of trying to give the city an acid bath. Perhaps not. That's not for me to say. Me, I'm just another private eye. They call me *Dodge Deadline*. . . Comic Book Detective.

It was a slow day at the office: I was just about to seriously consider calling up that guy on TV who makes the pitch for Apex Technical School. Then he walked in — *Tom DeFalco*, head honcho over at Marvel Comics. He had a problem, and he needed my help. Last month's Bullpen Bulletins Page had disappeared before it had ever seen print. He wanted me to find it. I took the case. Tom took the six-pack.

I headed uptown to the offices of Marvel Comics. If I was going to learn anything about the missing Bullpen Page, this was the place to do it. My first stop was the office of PUNISHER editor *Don Daley*.

Don told me he was exhausted — he was still resting up from the New York Runners Club's Midnight Run. That's a run that's held every year, beginning at exactly twelve midnight on New Year's Day. Don also entered the New York Marathon last year for the first time. It seemed like he'd been doing a lot of running lately. Just what exactly was he running from, anyway? I listed Don as a suspect, and moved on.

I stopped by *Ralph Macchio's* office, and found Ralph's assistant, *Mike Heisler*, still missing after a mysterious three-month absence. Heisler allegedly is taking some time off to do some freelance lettering; something about owing a debt to his uncle. Funny, I didn't know Heisler's uncle was named "Sam". Another potential suspect.

I stopped in to see *Jim Salicrup*, but he was so deliriously happy, he couldn't even talk to me, *Dodge Deadline*. It seemed one of Jim's freelancers, *Fred Hembeck*, recently had a baby with his lovely wife *Lynn*. The child was born on August 25th, and named *Julie Elizabeth Moss Hembeck*. That's a lot of names for a little kid. In his present state, there was no talking to Salicrup, so I made a mental note to track him down later.

I noticed my mental pen was getting low on mental ink, so I made another mental note to stop by a mental store later and pick up some more.

I headed over to see *Craig Anderson*, Marvel's resident vidiot. Craig gave me the lowdown on the new Silver Surfer home video game from Nintendo, and the Spider-Man home game from Sega-Genesis. Craig added that the Spider-Man hand-held game from Gameboy is also a big, big hit. Craig talked about a potential Spider-Man arcade game, but he seemed to be dodging the real issue. Did Craig know something about the missing Bullpen Page—something he wasn't telling me, *Dodge Deadline*?

Craig threw me a few names—*Jim Starlin*, *George Perez*. I caught them. He said they were working on a project which just might blow the lid off this whole case. But Starlin and Perez were nowhere to be found. Apparently they'd gone into hiding to work on this hush-hush project. All I found about this mystery project was that it involved a dangerous customer by the name of Thanos. . as well as almost everybody in the Marvel Universe. Clearly I was on to something big. . .but that wasn't the case I was working on. I'd have to come back to that some other day; I still hadn't found that Bullpen Page.

Assistant Editor *Chris Cooper* walked by me, *Dodge Deadline*, in the hall. I overheard him tell fellow assistant, *Len Kaminsky* he's never been mentioned in the Bullpen Page before. Len said that made two of them. Hmm—that gives them both motives, but very flimsy ones.

I started snooping around *Bob Budiansky's* office. But Bob wasn't talking. Neither was his assistant, *Tom Brevoort*. All I could get out of them was that they're doing a newsstand reprint of the four-issue DEATHLOK Limited Series, and working on the 1991 Marvel trading cards.

That was all well and good, but it didn't solve my case. I paid a visit to Epic Editor *Marcus McLaurin*, who was happy as a clambake about the fourth anniversary of the Comic Illustrators Guild at the Pratt School of Art and Design. It seems Marcus formed the club while in his senior year at the school, to pave the way for future generations of artists to get away with drawing comics in class.

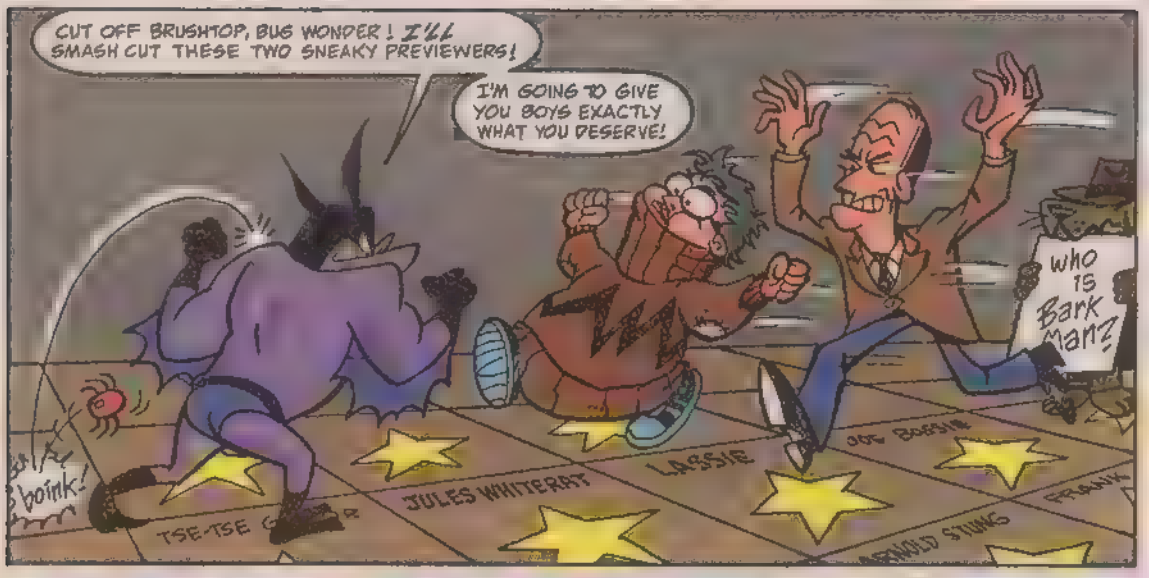
He's one sharp cucumber, that Marcus, but no Bullpen Page-napper. Next I noticed his assistant, *Marie Javins*. Marie's wall is decorated with drawings of cows by some of the biggest names in comics. But Marie threatened to take down her Wall of Bountiful Bovines if she received no new submissions soon. Would Marie's wall come tumbling down? Unfortunately, I couldn't stick around to find out.

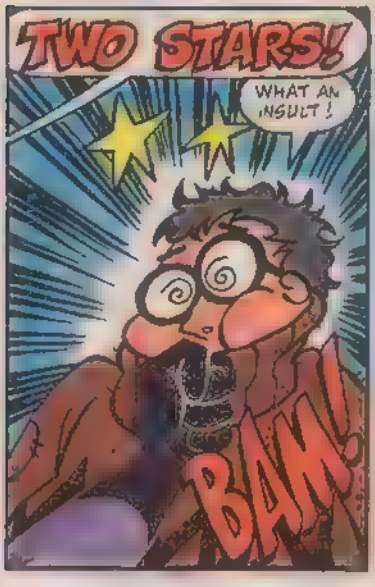
I could've pumped people at Marvel for answers all day, but I was cruising in the fast lane to nowhere. Everyone was a potential suspect. I decided I would switch tactics.

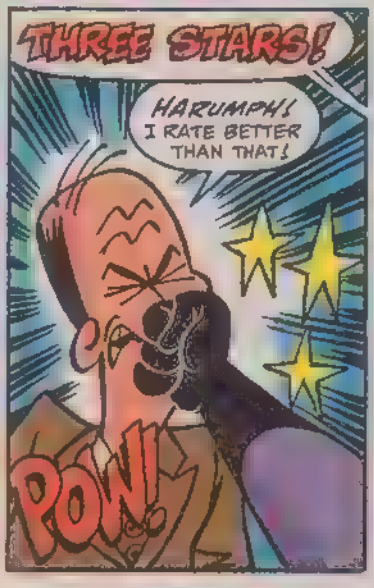
I charmed my way into Marvel's master computer file. If there was any trace left of the Bullpen Page, I knew I would find it here. I punched up the file, and there it was—the December Bullpen Page. It was just full of all kinds of incriminating evidence about the Marvel staff. If this thing ever saw print, it would destroy several careers, a couple marriages, and the noon trade at Slappy Sam's Eat 'n' Run. No wonder someone tried to suppress it. This thing was hotter than a jalapeno pepper in a sauna.

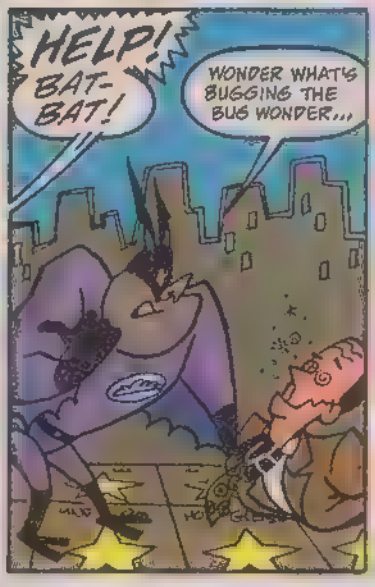
I decided to take the disc to DeFalco. If anyone knew I had this disc, I could start etching my own epitaph. Just then, I felt the cold steel of the barrel of a .45 press against the back of my neck. . .

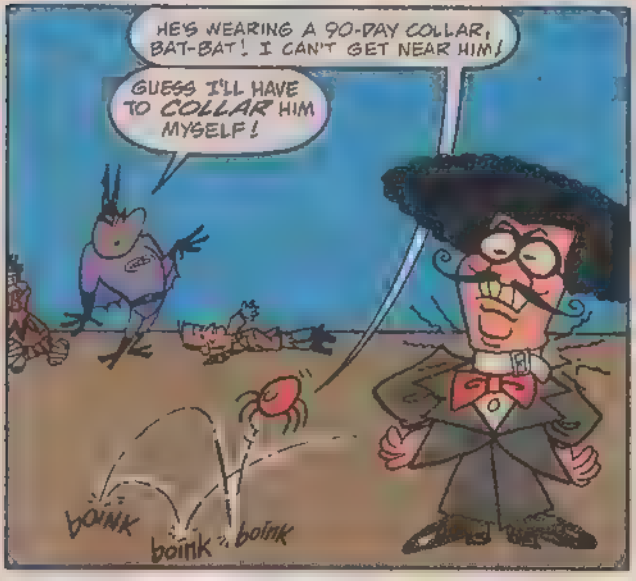
IS THIS THE END OF DODGE DEADLINE? YOU WISH


CUT OFF BRUSHTOP, BUG WONDER! I'LL SMASH CUT THESE TWO SNEAKY PREVIEWERS!
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU BOYS EXACTLY WHAT YOU DESERVE!
WHO IS Bark Man?
boink!
TSE-TSE
JULES WHITERAT
LASSIE
FRANK
ARNOLD STUNG


TWO STARS!
WHAT AN INSULT!
BAM!


THREE STARS!
HARUMPH! I RATE BETTER THAN THAT!
POW!


HELP! BAT-BAT!
WONDER WHAT'S BUGGING THE BUG WONDER...


HE'S WEARING A 90-DAY COLLAR, BAT-BAT! I CAN'T GET NEAR HIM!
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO COLLAR HIM MYSELF!
boink
boink
boink

HEY BAT-BAT! WANNA HEAR NEXT WEEK'S BLOW-BY-BLOW?
"BAT-BAT BATTERED BLOODY IN BATTLE. BADLY BEATEN BY BRUSHTOP!"
BALONEY!
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OH, SO? CONSIDER YOURSELF PANNED!
I WONDER IF MIGHTY MOUSE HAS DAYS LIKE THIS.
BNG!
HOW SAY YOU, FELLOW CRITICS? THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN?
THUMBS DOWN!
BRUSHTOP
KRAK!
HOW ABOUT CHIN UP?
...AND A CAPSULE REVIEW OF MY OWN!
KER-SMASH
BRUSHTOP
FOUR STARS! I LOVE IT!
NOW 'FESS UP, BRUSHTOP! WHY THE BAD REVIEW? WHAT DID BAT-BAT? EVER DO TO YOU?
WHAT BAD REVIEW?
I LOVED IT!!
YOU DID? YOU MUST'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE!
Who is Bark man?
BAT-BAT? ? - GOOD ? - BE MISSED! BY BRUSHTOP
BUT... IF IT WASN'T YOU, THEN WHO...

WHO THE ☆@#%!! IS THAT GUY IN THE BACKGROUND, ANYWAY?!
Who is Bark Man?
YOU'VE BEEN DOGGING MY TRACKS SINCE THIS STORY BEGAN! OKAY, I'LL BITE! WHO IS BARKMAN? TELL ME OR I'LL RIP YOUR FACE OFF!!
DON'T BOTHER, I'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE!
Who is Bark Man?
I'M BARKMAN! CLIVE BARKMAN, HORROR NOVELIST AND PHANTOM FILM CRITIC, AND I'M HERE TO RAISE A LITTLE HE
DON'T SAY IT!
Who is Bark Man?
THEN... YOU SENT ME THAT NOTE?
YES, I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A STAB AT REVIEWING. IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO WRITING HORROR, YOU KNOW. LOTS OF GORE AND DISMEMBERMENT!
Who is Bark Man?
BAT-BAT 2 BOX OFFICE BOO-BOO, BOMBS BADLY
MC BARKMAN
!
AND SURE ENOUGH, TWO WEEKS LATER...
TINSELTOWN REVIEW
BAT-BAT 2: CLOSES IN RECORD TIME!
LAUREL CANYON GAZETTE
BAT-BAT 2: BELLY UP!
The Hollywood REPORTER
BAT-BAT 2: IT'S SECOND RATE!
Notoriety
RETURNS NOT HAPPY FOR BAT-BAT 2
CHALK UP ANOTHER LOSER FOR THE HUGGED WONDER HE FLOPPED BIG TIME!!!
SO TELL US, BAT-BAT, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO NOW THAT YOUR 15 MINUTES OF FAME ARE OVER?
OVER?
BAT-BAT 2 SOUVENIRS
ALL ITEMS ½ OFF
CLEARANCE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THERE'S ALWAYS TELEVISION!
FIN

MIGHTY MAIL

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Dear Mighty Men,
You have been doing a great job with the first issue of the new Mighty Mouse series. After looking it over about FIFTY TIMES, I'm going to go for a No-Prize. Page eighteen, panel one shows Mighty Mouse with four fingers on his left hand and five fingers on his right hand. Even if you don't print this please answer it.

Guy McConnell
246 Springvale Ave.
Everett, MA 02149

Sorry, Guy, that's not the way it works. To earn a No-Prize you not only have to *spot* one of our *faux pas*, but you have to give an ingenious excuse as to why it's not really a mistake. For example, you could say that the alleged fifth finger was really Mighty's annular ligament (the fleshy part of the blade of a hand). Wait a sec, I just explained it! I get a No-Prize! Ha, ha, Guy, I got a No-Prize and you don't have one!

Dear Mice and Men,
I liked your first issue, it was great. I have a few questions.
1. Are you going to have Bat-Bat? I love that character!
2. Is Pearl going to buy back her factory?
3. Will you have M.M. continue to have flashbacks? I hope so.
Keep up the good work!

Aaron Crabill
RRT. 1, Box 50
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Thanks for writing in, Aaron. Here are a few answers for you:
1. You bet! In this very issue, in fact. Bat-Bat is featured prominently in *both* stories—and you can count on seeing more caped crusader cameos in the future! You could say he's bat with a vengeance.
2. Probably not, but you never know...
3. Flashbacks in Mighty's future? We'd give you an answer, Aaron, but we wouldn't be knowing what tense to put it in.

Dear Wonder Rodents,
I'd really like to give Mighty Mouse a hand for fingering the Glove, but I'm afraid that you would slap me!

Mark Phillips
P.O. Box 1927
Johnson City, TN 37605

Quick note there, Mark. Must've been written off the cuff!

Dear Mighty People,
I just finished reading my copy of MIGHTY MOUSE #2. It was *great!* Non-stop laughs and thrills! Awful puns! Lots of big puffy letters! You deserve a "BIG HAND" for this one!
The Glove was sort of a loser on the TV version, but I actually like him here. Well as much as you can actually like the bad guy, of course. Until Pearl marries Mickey Mouse...

Fritz Baugh
830 Aberdeen Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46241

"BIG HAND"? Please, dear readers, no more second hand Glove puns...aghhh! Now you've got *us* doing it!

Dear Sirs,
I am very pleased with the MIGHTY MOUSE comic book because I sent Marvel a letter three years ago asking you to have a MIGHTY MOUSE comic. It is great and the drawings are fantastic.
Could you have a story that tells us if Oil Can Harry was really killed off in issue #1?

Eric Anderson
3653 St. Bernard Ln.
St. Anne, MO 63074

Dear Mighty Mail,
When are you going to tell what happened to Oil Can Harry?

Brian Silcox
620 N. Pearl
Centralia, WA 98532

As Brian and Eric know, Oil Can Harry fell off a cliff and into the ocean. Well, since oil and water don't mix, you can rest assured that Harry rose to the top like the scum he is...or does scum sink to the bottom? I'm so confused... maybe he *is* dead...

Dear Mighty Printers,
I have the first two issues of MIGHTY MOUSE. I read them both and I thought they were great. I liked how you put WPRL, because the PRL sounds like Pearl. I thought the cover was funny. I saw the ad for #3 and already think it's great! I would like to know Mighty Mouse's true origin.

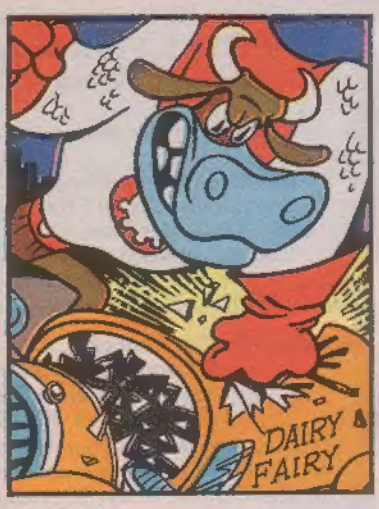
Dan Brown
P.O. Box 5192
Sioux City, IA 51106

Dan, thanks for your Bat-Bat drawing! Mighty Mouse's true origin? Well, there was this mommy mouse and a daddy mouse...more on this later.

Dear Mighty Mail,
I was born in the 1970's, and I grew up on Mighty Mouse Terry Toon reruns. I was surprised and pleased to know that the first rerun I saw called "The Mouse of Tomorrow," was his first origin. Over the years I saw the other origins. I found them not to be half as original, or half as interesting. I for one hope you choose the original "Super Cheese Theory."

Paul Jutras
104 E. Oceola Lane
Cocoa Beach, FL 32032

Well, back to the mommy mouse and the daddy mouse... well, one day they were visited by Mr. Stork—oops, all out of room!



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